

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 46 to define the present invention with more specificity. Specifically, the presently invention relates to a composition comprising a foam component which comprises a polymeric material and a detergent enzyme and the polymeric material dissolves or disperses in water quickly. Support for the amendments can be found on page 5, lines 18-30 and page 13, lines 7-10.

New claim 64 has been added. Support can be found in previously submitted claim 46 and the specification.

No new matter has been added by this amendment. Entry is believed to be proper and respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 46-52, 54-61 and 64 are pending. No additional claim fee is due.

REJECTIONS & OBJECTIONS

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §103 over Britton et al.

The Examiner rejects Claims 46-61 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over any one of Britton et al (US 5,458,884). The Examiner states that the reference would have motivated the skilled artisan to make the foam containing active ingredients in the form called for in the instant claims, depending on what its use was.

Applicants point out that Britton et al. relates to a device for administering actives, specifically, pharmaceuticals, nutrients and diagnostics (col. 6, lines 29-41). Applicants submit that there is no teaching or suggestion of a device for delivering detergent enzymes.

Moreover, Britton et al. relates to a device for slow and sustained release of actives over a period of about 24 hours or longer due to the very slow dissolution of the device (see Abstract and col. 4, lines 59-67 of the Specification). There is no teaching or suggestion of a quickly release of actives such as detergent enzymes, nor does the reference provide any motivation that a quick release is desirable.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references fail to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

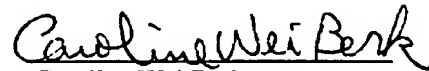
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CONCLUSION

Applicant believes the present amendment is fully responsive and places Claims 46-52, 54-61 and 64 in condition for allowance.

In the event that issues remain prior to allowance of the noted claims, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully Submitted,
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